

SPEAKING OF ISSUES.

UNCLE SAM'S POLITICAL STORAGE



—From the Philadelphia Press.

TRUE PROPHETS AND FALSE.

HOW TO TEST THEM.

"I will not deny that there may be prophets to-day, but the trouble is to tell the true prophets from the false ones. The Bible says that false prophets will rise. It tells us how to distinguish the false from the true. It says: 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'—William J. Bryan's Speech at Baltimore, Jan. 20, 1900.

BRYAN PROPHECIES.

THE ANSWERS.

"TARIFF WILL CRUSH THE FARMER."

1892, Free Trade.

"Thus in every State, so far as these statistics have been collected, the proportion of home-owning farmers is decreasing and that of tenant farmers increasing. This means but one thing: it means a land of landlords and tenants, and, backed by the history of every nation that has gone down. I say to you that no people can continue a free people under a free government when the great majority of its citizens are tenants of a small minority."—William J. Bryan; speech on the protective tariff in the National House of Representatives, March 16, 1892.

The Answer in 1908.

The answer is found in the prevailing good prices for grain, corn, hogs, cattle, hay and all the products of the farm, together with the fact that since the date of Candidate Bryan's "crushing" speech, Western farm lands have doubled in value, and thousands of "tenant" farmers of that date have become prosperous home-owners, tilling their own land in peace, happiness and plenty. Under the National Irrigation Act, and the Republican conservation movement, the West is soon to be the intense agricultural and horticultural producing area of the United States.

"GOLD STANDARD WILL DESTROY HOMES."

1896, Free Coinage—16 to 1.

"I reply that, if protection has slain its thousands, the gold standard has slain its tens of thousands."—William J. Bryan; speech at Democratic National Convention, July, 1896. "The Democratic party has begun a war of extermination against the gold standard. We ask no quarter; we give no quarter. We shall prosecute our warfare until there is not an American citizen who dares to advocate the gold standard. You ask why? We reply that the gold standard is a conspiracy against the human race, and that we should no more join in it than we would an army to destroy our homes and to destroy our families."—William J. Bryan; speech at Albany, N. Y., August, 1896.

The Answer in 1908.

The gold standard has "slain" no one, nor did it write the "future in blood," nor did it destroy our homes nor foreclose the farm mortgage, nor did it close the district school; on the contrary, it has proved the sound and solid foundation of widespread prosperity, leading to individual progress and happiness, aided in paying off the farm mortgage and expanding the country's educational facilities. It has brought such prosperity to our country as was never known before. Americans are the happiest and most prosperous people on earth to-day.

"NO MORE FOURTH OF JULY."

1900, Imperialism!

"The fight this year will be to carry out the sentiment of that song we have so often repeated: 'My Country, 'tis of Thee.' If we lose, our children and our children's children will not succeed to the spirit of that song, and celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away, for the spirit of Empire will be upon us."—William J. Bryan; speech to the Bryan Home Guards, Lincoln, Neb., July, 1900.

The Answer in 1908.

Answer this for yourself. Do you know of any spot in the United States where the spirit of 1776 is dead and forgotten and the Fourth of July a meaningless date on the calendar? On the other hand the blindest citizen is growing prouder of his American citizenship and the spirit of 1776 is permeating the entire body politic.

"ROOSEVELT THE SPIRIT OF WAR."

1904, Anti-Roosevelt.

"I would rather go down to eternal oblivion than be instrumental in the election of Roosevelt."—William J. Bryan, Oct. 17, 1904, while touring Indiana. "The surrender of the present President (Roosevelt) to corporate influences furnishes an excellent proof of the wisdom of Judge Parker in making the statement he has. But President Roosevelt stands for militarism. . . . The present occupant of the White House (Roosevelt) represents in an aggravated form the warlike spirit, as contrasted with the pacific policy that has heretofore characterized our nation."—William J. Bryan, in a speech at Springfield, Mo., Sept. 1, 1904, where he accused President Roosevelt of surrendering to the corporations and holding "bloody, brutal and barbarous" sentiments.

The Answer in 1908.

President Roosevelt, instead of representing the "spirit of war," stands before the world the greatest exemplar of international peace in his generation. History will in full season award him the titles he has justly won, and the greatest of these will be "The Peacemaker." In spite of Candidate Bryan's assault upon him in 1904, Under President Roosevelt's policies the United States has taken its place in the front rank of world powers. That is committed to continuing these policies.

"GOVERNMENT MUST OWE RAILWAYS."

1906, Government Ownership of Railways.

"I have already reached the conclusion that railroads partake so much of the nature of a monopoly that they must ultimately become public property, and be managed by public officials in the interest of the whole community."—William J. Bryan; House-reading speech at New York City, August, 1906.

The Answer in 1908.

The broad meaning of Candidate Bryan's remarks on this subject is that railway regulation by statute law is impossible, and that "government ownership" is the only remedy for transportation abuses. The enactment of the Federal Rate Law has totally disproved the claims of Candidate Bryan and vividly displayed his unsound reasoning on great public questions.

PARTY OF PERFORMANCE.

Republican Organization Fosters All Policies Tending to Make the Country Great and Prosperous.

The Republican is a party of action. It rests upon what it has done, and not upon what it possibly may do in the future. It has fostered everything that has tended to make the country great and prosperous. It has moved with the people. It has kept abreast of the times. It has ever stood ready to modify an old policy or to adopt a new one when the business interests of the country have needed the modification or the change. It has protected American industries. It has protected American labor by stringent immigration laws. It protected the credit and business stability of the country by prompt declaring in favor of a gold standard, and writing it in the statutes. When the time came it promptly seized upon the time and the opportunity to begin the speedy construction of the great isthmian canal. It has never hesitated to assume a responsibility. When the cruelties in Cuba threatened the interests of America the Republican party resolved to put an end to those cruelties. When trusts sprang up it enacted a law to curb and control those trusts. When commerce was at the mercy of the railroads, it provided for a commission to regulate them. When shippers were oppressed by transportation companies it promptly enacted a rate law. It has met every emergency in war or peace, met it in a wise, prudent and statesmanlike manner. It is progressive when progressiveness means upbuilding. It is conservative when conservatism means the maintenance of peace, order and prosperity. It has been prompt without undue haste. Peace and prosperity at home—honor and respect abroad has been, is now, and always will be its motto.—Republican National Platform.

CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

Democratic Party Cannot Claim Unsullied Virtue as to Source of Its Revenues.

(From Gov. Hughes' Youngstown Speech.)

"Mr. Bryan also has much to say with regard to corrupt practices and campaign expenditures. But he omits to give due credit to the Republican party for what it has accomplished with regard to these important reforms, an accomplishment the more noteworthy in the light of Mr. Bryan's reiterated criticisms of contributions to Republican campaign funds. In the State of New York a Republican Legislature, in 1906 passed a statute prohibiting corporations from making any political contributions directly or indirectly, and providing that officers, directors or stockholders participating in or consenting to the violation of the law should be guilty of a criminal offense. And I know of no more drastic statute in this country with regard to the publicity of campaign contributions and for the prevention of corrupt practices than that passed in New York under Republican auspices. These were not promises of an opposition party seeking power, but enactments by a party in power securing genuine reforms. Proper recognition must, of course, be given to the patriotic Democrats who supported these reforms, but they were enacted by a Republican administration. Congress has also legislated against political contributions by corporations. Purity of elections and free opportunity for the uncorrupted expression of the popular will lie at the foundation of every reform and cannot be too carefully safeguarded. And there should be federal legislation securing proper publicity of and accounting for campaign contributions in connection with federal elections. But it must fairly be recognized that the skirts of neither party have been clean. If we search Mr. Bryan's following we shall find not a few who have sinned, and also those who, if we may judge from their local activities, are still unrepentant. The Democratic party cannot claim unsullied virtue either with regard to the source of its revenues or its readiness to receive them."

LABOR IN DEMOCRATIC STATES.

Coal Miners in Alabama Subjugated Into Cringing Dependencies.

That there's a "rift within the lute" of the Gompers proposition to deliver the labor vote of the country to Democracy is becoming more apparent. While Mr. Bryan and Mr. Gompers are making special appeals to labor, neither refers to the deplorable condition of labor in the Democratic South. Mr. John P. White, for six years president of the Iowa United Mine Workers, and now one of the national officers of the United Mine Workers' Association, who investigated mining labor conditions in the South, is not so reticent. In a recent address to Local Union No. 97 of Albia, Iowa, he told of persecutions of labor in Alabama where a coal miners' strike was in progress. He is reported as saying: "The miners of Alabama have been subjugated until a majority have become cringing dependencies. Almost daily some of the laboring men of that State were mercilessly shot down for daring to assert their rights as American citizens. Ninety-one members of the Mine Workers' Association were thrown into jail without having committed any crime other than becoming members of the organization." Alabama is a State absolutely under control of Bryan Democracy.

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